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FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY, ALSO PASS AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

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SUBJECT: SCENARIO FOR THE SECRETARY'S ADDRESS TO THE
INDIAN COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS, OCTOBER 28, 1800--
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SCENARIO CHANGES

REF: NEW DELHI 14385

1. ACWA INFORMED US TODAY THAT ITS 87-YEAR OLD PRESIDENT, H.N. KUNZRU, HURT HIMSELF IN A FALL YESTERDAY. WHILE HIS CONDITION IS NOT SERIOUS, HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PRESIDE AT THE SECRETARY'S ADDRESS. INSTEAD ACWA'S 60-YEAR OLD VICE PRESIDENT, DR. BHARAT RAM WILL INTRODUCE THE SECRETARY AND EITHER HE OR (FORMER) AMBASSADOR KHUB CHAND WILL CLOSE THE EVENT WITH A WORD OF THANKS.

2. AS NOW FORESEEN, ON ARRIVAL AT KAMANI AUDITORIUM THE SECRETARY WILL BE GREETED BY DR. BHARAT RAM, AMBASSADOR KHUB CHAND (IF IN TOWN), ACWA ASSISTANT SECRETARY N.N. PICHAI, AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATE S. ARORA. THIS PARTY WILL ESCORT THE SECRETARY TO THE PLATFORM AND WILL BE SEATED THERE WITH HIM.

3. DR. BHARAT RAM HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF DELHI CLOTH MILLS SINCE 1958. HE IS 60 YEARS OLD. HE HAS BEEN PRESIDENT BOTH OF THE FEDERATION OF THE INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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AND IS A MEMBER OF NUMEROUS BOARDS OF DIRECTORS. RAM IS A FOR-

WARD-LOOKING SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE, LEADING BUSINESSMAN. KHUB CHAND'S AMBASSADORSHIPS INCLUDE SERVICE IN WEST GERMANY IN THE 1960'S.

4. ACWA RAISED THREE QUESTIONS ON WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE:

A. THEY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE AMBASSADORS MOYNIHAN AND T.N. KAUL TO SIT ON THE PLATFORM. IS THIS AGREEABLE? (WE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS PERHAPS MORE USUAL TO HAVE JUST THE HOSTS AND GUEST SPEAKER ON THE PLATFORM.)

B. WILL THERE BE AN ADVANCE TEXT OF THE ADDRESS?

C. WOULD THE SECRETARY, AS IS ACWA TRADITION, ENTERTAIN A FEW QUESTIONS AFTER HIS ADDRESS? (WE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WOULD BE VERY LITTLE TIME FOR THIS IN VIEW OF THE FEDERATION OF INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY RECEPTION WHICH FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY.

NOTE FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY: WE RECOMMEND AGAIN THAT THE SECRETARY NOT RPT NOT ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. FYI: ACWA OFFICIALS POINTED OUT, AND THE SECRETARY MAY RECALL, THAT THIS WILL BE HIS SECOND ADDRESS TO ACWA. ACWA RECORDS SHOW THAT HE FIRST ADDRESSED THAT ORGANIZATION AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY ON JANUARY 9, 1962 ON THE TOPIC: "PROSPECTS OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY." DR. BHARAT RAM'S INTRODUCTION WILL DOUBTLESSLY REFER TO THIS FACT.

6. THE SECRETARY'S OPENING REMARKS MIGHT RECALL THAT ON THAT OCCASION HE SPOKE AT SAPRU HOUSE, ACWA HEADQUARTERS, AS WELL AS WISH DR. KUNZRU SPEEDY RECOVERY.
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